

# News

## From the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission

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#### KENTUCKY STATE NATURE PRESERVES GUIDED HIKE TO THOMPSON CREEK GLADE

FRANKFORT, Ky. (June 1, 2004) -- Kentuckians will have a rare opportunity to visit a nature preserve not open to the public when the Kentucky State Nature Preserves Commission (KSNPC) offers a guided hike at the Thompson Creek Glade State Nature Preserve in Larue County, Ky., on June 15.

Known for its three high-quality limestone slope glades connected by woodland communities, the Thompson Creek Glade area is home to many showy prairie wildflowers that were once much more common in western Kentucky.

KSNPC botanist Nicholas Drozda will host a strenuous hike through the area starting at 11 a.m. CDT. This trek is expected to last until approximately 2:30 p.m. Because the hike will be about 2.5 miles off trail and will traverse uneven terrain, Drozda suggests wearing sturdy shoes and bringing water.

To sign up for this June 15 hike, contact Nick Drozda at KSNPC by phoning (502) 573-2886 X-106 or by email to [nicholas.drozda@ky.gov](mailto:nicholas.drozda@ky.gov).

KSNPC's mission is to protect Kentucky's natural heritage by: (1) identifying, acquiring and managing natural areas that represent the best-known occurrences of rare native species, natural communities and significant natural features in a statewide nature preserve system; (2) working with others to protect biological diversity; and (3) educating Kentuckians as to the value and purpose of nature preserves and biodiversity conservation. The commission inventories Kentucky for significant natural areas and protects the best examples in a state nature preserve system with 18,274 acres statewide.

More information about the commission can be obtained on the Internet at this Web page - [www.naturepreserves.ky.gov](http://www.naturepreserves.ky.gov), or by mail at KSNPC, 801 Schenkel Lane, Frankfort, KY 40601-1403, or by telephone by calling 502-573-2886.